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SUBJ: US-USSR OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT: OCEAN DYNAMICS WORKING GROUP

REF: A) STATE 58985; B) MOSCOW 3652

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED INFORM DR. DONALD MARTINEAU, NOAA, THAT METAL'NIKOV INSTRUCTED SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE VISAS FOR WOOSTER, O'BRIEN AND NEAL VALID FOR ENTRY INTO THEIUSSR ON MARCH 24 RPT MARCH 24. REF A STATES THAT DR. WOOSTER IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MOSCOW MARCH 23, BUT THAT HE ALSO HAS CONFIRMED TICKET FOR LONDON-MOSCOW FLIGHT ON MARCH 24.

2. INVIEW OF THE SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM US, DR. WOOSTER SHOULD BE ADVISED TO TAKE MARCH 24 FLIGHT TO MOSCOW UNLESS HIS VISAS IS VALID FOR AN EARLIER ARRIVAL. EMBASSY WISHES TO STRESS THAT SOVIET IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE TOTALLY UNSYMPATHETIC TOWARDS VISITORS WHO ARRIVE WITH A NOT-YET-VALID VISA AND RESTRICT THEM TO TRANSIT HOSTEL AT AIRPORT UNTIL THE MATTER IS RESOLVED DURING THE REGULAR WORK WEEK. PLEASE CONFIRM WOOSTER'S ARRIVAL TIME AFTER HE HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE ABOVE.

3. IN REGARD TO PROPOSED VISIT TO LENINGRAD BY DR. NEAL,
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METAL'NIKOV SAID THAT NO MENTION OF LENINGRAD VISIT WAS MADE

TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY BY THE SCST BECAUSE THEY WERE UNAWARE
OF NEAL'S PLANS. U THERFORE, UNLESS NEAL'S VISA IS VALID
FOR TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD, HE SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW
ON MARCH 24 OR 25. METAL'NIKOV POINTED OUT THAT NEAL COULD
HAVE HIS VISA EXTENDED AND AMENDED FOR TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD
AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW IF HE SO DESIRES.

4. SOVIET HOSTS FOR OCEAN DYNAMICS WORKING GROUP WOULD
PREFER THAT WOOSTER, O'BRIEN AND NEAL ALL ARRIVE MOSCOW
ON MARCH AS THIS WOULD MAKE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS EASIER
TO ARRANGE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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